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Reply to Office Action

This is filed in response to the Office Action mailed March 30, 2003, rejecting the claims as allegedly anticipated by Chang, US 5,958,016. For the reasons below, that publication is not believed to detract from patentability of the claimed invention.

Independent claim 1 is directed to a telecommunication system having a processing module that communicates with an external communication device (for example, a switch) to receive message fragments and assemble events therefrom. The processing module includes a message handling object that receives the message fragments and discerns events (such as a call control event) from them. A dispatcher, that communicates with the message handling object, identifies and invokes a selected processes for processing those events. The processes effect execution of at least one task (e.g., an operation) to provide a communication service identified by the message.